

City Council Chamber, City Hall, Tuesday, April 15, 2008

A Regular Meeting of the Houston City Council was held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, 2008, Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, James G. Rodriguez, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, Ronald C. Green and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Harlan Heilman, Division Chief, Claims & Subrogation Division, Legal Department; Ms. Claudia Vasquez, Director Citizens Assistance; Mr. Terence H. Fontaine, Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations; Ms. Marty Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director present.

At 2:06 p.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order and stated that Council Member Lawrence would begin presentations. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Holm, Rodriguez, Brown, Green and Jones absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lawrence stated that this was a special week as it was National Crime Victims Rights Week and it encompassed so many groups and invited all those present with her proclamation to the podium and stated that 23 million Americans were victims of crime yearly and more than 5 million of violent crime; that they were raising awareness and presented a Proclamation to Mr. Andy Khan saluting all participants of such an important event and wished them a successful and rewarding event; and proclaimed this week as "National Crime Victims Week" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Brown and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she much supported what Parents of Murdered Children did with their support system. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Brown and Green absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that Mr. Khan was a shop of one but an army of many and he was glad that he could use the office of Mayor to help so many; and thanked all organizations who also helped so many. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Brown and Green absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that today was an honor and privilege to bring up a childhood hero who needed no introduction and towered over this city, Mr. Number 34, and invited Mr. Hakeem Olajuwon to the podium; the "Dream" needed no introduction, but last week was a great week for him with the rockets immortalizing him with a statue at the Toyota Center and he was elected to the NBA Hall of Fame; and because of all his contributions and being one of the greatest players who had ever played presented him a Proclamation proclaiming today as "Hakeem Olajuwon Day" in Houston, Texas. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Brown and Green absent.

Council Members expressed how proud they were of Mr. Olajuwon and that they celebrated him and congratulated him and that he was very much a role model outside the arena. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Adams, Sullivan, Brown and Green absent.

Mr. Olajuwon thanked the City of Houston for the recognition and stated that he was so happy and loved traveling and hearing about Houston and was proud to be a Houstonian. Council Members Sullivan absent.

Mayor White stated that on behalf of all he had been a good ambassador for the city and had demonstrated a good work ethic and although he was a celebrity he never forgot the spiritual basis of life. Council Members Sullivan absent.

Council Member Adams stated that the Bravo Award was the city's highest recognition program for city employees which recognized employees for extraordinary service to the city and their community and invited Ms. Trudell Eldridge of the Legal Department, Ms. Lois Gibson of the Police Department and Mr. Robert Lemley of the Public Works and Engineering Department to the podium and presented them each a Bravo Award. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Lawrence took a point of personal privilege and recognized the British School of Houston in Northwest Houston which was grades preschool through 13; and asked students present from the school to stand to be recognized. Council Members Sullivan and Khan absent.

At 2:34 p.m. Council Member Clutterbuck invited Pastor James Harper with the First Presbyterian Church to lead all in the prayer and Council Member Clutterbuck led all in the pledge. Council Member Sullivan absent.

At 2:39 p.m. the City Secretary called the roll. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Members Khan and Garcia moved that the minutes of the preceding meeting be adopted. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION ADOPTED.

Council Member Khan moved the rules be suspended for the purpose of hearing Mr. Dan Barretto at the top of the non-agenda speakers, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0251 ADOPTED.

At 2:40 p.m. the City Secretary began calling the public speakers. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mr. Tom Mitchell, 4604 Main Street, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-824-5722) appeared and stated that he was director of the United States Veterans Initiative in Houston and the returning veterans initiative was the envy of his colleagues around the country as Houston was way ahead of the curve; that they received a Texas Department and Community Affairs grant which would help support veterans with transitional housing and they just received a grant from HUD for permanent housing for disabled veterans and they hoped to expand the facility on Main Street; that they were in discussions with Greater Houston Builders Association and they had a nonprofit called Home Aid and hopefully they would work together on a program for wounded warriors and they would help them to build a facility; that they wanted to work with Council on making Houston a place of envy for returning veterans. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Members Adams, Jones, Garcia and Noriega thanked Mr. Mitchell for his work and stated that he had their support on Item 14 tomorrow. Council Members Lawrence and Sullivan absent.

Mayor White stated that on Tuesday he had a meeting with the Secretary of the Army and also saw General Casey there and three issues were highlighted one was the general digital medical records for each departing veteran when they completed their DOD service and second was at the University of Kansas the Army had done something, a wounded warrior program on campus which was both education and employment for severely disabled veterans and he asked that one of our campuses be considered for that and they would scrape together private funds if the Army, Marines or any of the services wanted to be partners with us; and third was there was a new initiative in the Army, the Communities and Family Program, where they had funding and he would like more public service outreach to raise awareness concerning psychological and traumatic brain injuries and he wanted to share the information so it could be passed on and they could speak as one voice; and Mr. Mitchell stated that he would be glad to

help in any way and they also received a women's grant for a program. Council Members Lawrence and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Dan Barretto, 5505 Darling Street, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-875-0282) appeared and stated that he wanted to thank the Mayor and Council for all they did to get the Latin Grammys here in Houston, he was proud of his city and wanted to share that with them. Council Members Lawrence and Sullivan absent. Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that Mr. Barretto had been in neighborhoods helping with health fairs, etc., and he thanked him for that and also he stepped up to bring important organizations to the table and helped to close the deal. Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan and Jones absent.

Mr. Lonn Vasquez, 1704 Webber, Houston, Texas 77007 (281-745-6595) appeared and stated that there was a corner which needed a pipe or to be reengineered, he ran by in the mornings and eighteen wheelers got stuck there; that he had a little map to present to someone and it was self explanatory. Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mayor White stated that Mr. Norman with Public Works was present and he could investigate it. Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mr. Ira McBride, 3255 Elgin, Houston, Texas 77004 (832-633-7008) appeared and stated that he would like to know when HPD became Neighborhood Protection and able to write bogus tickets on people with no violations and did not write them on people who did have violations. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Mayor White stated that Neighborhood Protection combined forces with HPD three years ago in connection with input from Council Members and others; and Mr. McBride stated they wrote tickets on his mother and he wanted to know what was going on; and Mayor White stated that if he would get addresses to Ms. Vasquez on those not cited which he thought should be they would check it out and he would ask Mr. Fontaine and Citizens Assistance to work with Neighborhood Protection and get a report back based on his comments. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Tiffany Travis, 10060 Buffalo Speedway, Houston, Texas 77054 (832-687-1948) appeared and stated that she was communications director at the American Heart Association and earlier today Council Member Jones was with them proclaiming tomorrow as "National Start Walking Day" in Houston and they were hoping all Houstonians would start walking tomorrow and they would love the Mayor and Council's support in the initiative; that it was found walking was the easiest, most convenient and free exercise and had the least drop outs; that heart disease and stroke were the nation's number one and number three killers and it affected all; and urged all to wear their sneakers to work and presented lapel pins to Citizens Assistance. Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Ms. Sheryl Washington, 8507 Cottage Gate, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-780-2333) appeared and stated that she lived at a curve and her house was run into on numerous occasions with the last time being in March; that in December 2002 it was run into and covered nationally; that Council Member Galloway stated previously she would take care of it but nothing had still been done; that last time it was run into there was \$60,000 in damage; that she had two little girls and others played in her yard also and they needed speed humps, this was like the sixth time and she was not moving; that they had put post in the yard but when the car hit the curb it took flight and the posts would not help and something needed to be done. Council

Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he could only imagine what she was going through and he and his office spoke with Mr. Norman in the Public Works Department and they would see what options could help alleviate her problem, they would get to the bottom of it and that was a promise. Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Lovell and Jones absent.

Upon questions by Mayor White, Ms. Washington stated that what had been done was not working and maybe even the street needed to be closed. Council Members Lawrence, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Ms. Adele Hamilton, 1943 Pleasantville, Houston, Texas 77029 (832-893-1596) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. J. V. Harrison, 2820 Bartell, Houston, Texas 77054 (713-664-2541) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Lawrence, Adams and Sullivan absent.

Mr. Willis Taborn, 2106 Belarbor, Houston, Texas 77033 (281-222-8601) appeared and stated that the Mayor and Council had done much to be recognized for and it was his hope they could do one more thing, he was last present two years ago trying to collect a judgment award from one of the Mayor's top people in Affirmative Action and the judgment was granted to him four years ago, by a justice of the peace who said unfortunately he could not make a payment, but a lady there said someone could and said he should go before the Mayor so he did two years ago and the Mayor said an assistant would look into it and he knew it happened because before he could get home the lady was ringing his phone off the hook and she came out and gave him an envelope of checks but they were not worth the paper they were written on and he sent them back to her, he was still having physical problems with two major surgeries and another was coming Thursday and he was hoping someone could make her pay up. Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan and Noriega absent.

Mayor White stated that he remembered him coming, as a matter of policy policies and procedures needed to be uniform and non discriminatory and he believed in discussing this with Mr. Hall, HR and Legal he did not think they had a policy of forcing city employees or threatening their job or livelihood if they had a civil judgment, but if employees were writing checks with insufficient funds and it was a practice then he needed to file a complaint on that. Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Jones stated that if he had a judgment he could go to court and get it executed and the best he could do since he already won his judgment since sometimes you could not get the money he could file it on her credit and it would show up on her credit report and she may have to come deal with his issue at some point, but after seven years she would not have to. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Ms. Jeunese M. Ford, 2022 DeWalt, Houston, Texas 77088 (281-447-1435) appeared and stated that she lived in the Acres Home area and her relationship with HCDD began in 2001 and she was told the listing had stopped and would not resume until 2003, beginning in 2004 she called again to get on the listing as her foundation was falling and finally in 2005 was put on the listing and she sent her financial records as asked, then in 2006 she had a call from a city inspector who said her foundation was bad and they would take care of it with other needs in the home; that her problem came after several inspectors came and no work was done, but Council Member Jones sent staff members and then another inspector came and they went

through the same procedures and in December 2007 the contractor came and tore up her foundation all over her house and HCDD had taken pictures and saw all she needed, but the contractor started the 7th and finished the 11th and she said the foundation still sagged and sloped and it was not complete and she was told that was all they could do; and she was present asking for help with HCDD so they could come and do the proper work; that in 2008 they came and said because of her income now she was no longer eligible, what was \$20.00 more, it was not fair and her home was still in a deplorable condition. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Sullivan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Johnson, Ms. Ford stated they were to raise the foundation and level it off, but they did not do it properly; that she was now told she was no longer eligible and she did have names; and Council Member Johnson stated that Ms. Barton was present with Housing and she should speak with her at this time. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Council Member Jones stated that Ms. Ford did contact her office and her staff went out and took pictures and the city did say she was eligible and it took forever to go out and then did shoddy work, after that they were going to cover it and Ms. Ford stated they could not cover it because it was shoddy work so she went to Housing and received a response on March 28th from Mr. Ray Daniels who said she was eligible when the city started with the work but now was not; that she, Herself, sent a letter to Mr. Daniels which said she disagreed with his position; that Ms. Ford was declared eligible and HCDD did substandard work and she believed they were obligated to fix it and eligibility now did not matter but she had not received a response. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated that Ms. Ford had two very capable people working on her behalf and he was sure she would be getting follow-up. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Mary Ross, 2901 Clementine, Houston, Texas 77026 (832-883-4278) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. John Johnson, 7102 Windemere, Houston, Texas 77088 (832-453-1900) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Loretta Frank, 680 Sam Houston Pkwy South, Houston, Texas 77042 (832-206-0749) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Marisa Talty, 6307 Deerwood, Houston, Texas 77057 (713-409-3535) appeared and stated that she was a realtor and present with the concern of the floodway and maps and situation of many homeowners following ordinance 19-43 from 2006; that she had clients who bought a lot to build a home and that ordinance shattered his dream, it was unnecessary because FEMA allowed them to build if they built up, but the city did not and it was not right; that flooding was not the problem it was drainage that was the problem. Mayor White, Council

Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated that he would ask Mr. Gary Norman to visit with her at this time, the Administration suggested there may be a process they could engage to affect some of the change she was discussing. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Brown, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Dave Jones, 2218 Rosedale, Houston, Texas 77004 (713-504-0011) appeared and stated that he was present asking the City to sponsor Street Vision, an interactive video live web based component art display and were asking the City of Houston to declare July as Bicycle Education Month and the Columbia Tap Union Station Extension as the official downtown destination alternative transportation corridor. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated that he thought people could get into savings by getting on a bicycle and it was important to encourage such activity and he felt there would be follow-up to his suggestion. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Lovell and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Ms. Jackaline Hickman, 1600 Louisiana, Houston, Texas 77002 (713-987-4046) appeared and stated that a month ago she came and she was now watching God cleanup the government in the State of Texas; that she was now homeless and her hearing notice was sent to the wrong address deliberately and that was government witchcraft and in Wal-Mart she fell and fractured her tailbone ; and continued expressing her personal opinions until her time expired. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Ben Crabb, 2502 Haverhill, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-861-5354) appeared, presented information and stated that he and neighbors were present to speak on establishing their quality of life and property values in their Timbergrove neighborhood in the face of proposed new adjacent high density residential growth; that 3 years ago a short 28 foot wide dead end street, Salford, was opened as a through street to their neighborhood with no notice given to them and they rallied and the street was closed again and a subsequent letter from Director Marcotte which was passed to Council Members assured Salford would not be considered for reopening until residential development was completed and then only if a traffic study demonstrated the need. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Crabb stated that the concern was when developers came and offered proposals they seemed to have no understanding why they were resistant to Salford being opened through their neighborhood, but it would not just be for traffic from their neighborhood, it would cause cut around traffic because of where traffic would be flowing off the West Loop to circumvent traffic lights; that presently Salford was barricaded and closed and what they wanted was to keep the street closed. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Brown stated that the project he spoke of had similar notoriety to the Ashby Highrise and this city had no significant land development standards to protect against land development impacts, etc., which would make neighborhoods less livable and he should

advocate for better standards and regulations, but there was not much that could be done about that 34 tract now though the street may not be opened unless it was necessary and then banned to truck traffic, but would like him to stay involved. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated that he thought it was confirmed that either the Director of Public Works or his designees would be visiting with him tomorrow evening and it was important for those helping to set policy and provide internal direction to go out into the community and he thanked Mr. Marcotte for making himself available to him, he knew there would now be good dialogue; and he was glad to see the department would be visiting with him tomorrow. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Ms. Marilyn Nowlin, 2430 Broxford, Houston, Texas 77008 (713-880-5332) appeared and stated that she was also a Timber Grove resident and also wanted the street to remain closed as they were concerned about their children and pets and did not feel it was necessary to open the street to a new development. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Council Member Lovell stated that Council Member Lawrence had to leave but this was in her district and she was aware of it and would get with them; and apologized for having to leave. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated that the issue of making sure the intersection did not become a cut through and affect their quality of life he was looking at notes and they had some very specific ideas to work through with them and it would be Mr. Andy Icken. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mr/Coach R. J. (Bobby) Taylor, 3107 Sumpter, Houston, Texas 77026 (202-FA3-4511) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Ms. Christie Callihan, 14106 Manderly, Houston, Texas 77077 (832-274-4367) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Ms. Mary Pruitt, no address (no phone) had reserved time to speak but was not present when her name was called. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mr. Scott Peveto, 4214 Lillian, Houston, Texas 77007 (832-630-2627) appeared with his wife and stated that they were present because of a lawsuit they were drawn into by a night club, Walters on Washington, located at 4215 Washington; that their address backed up to Walters and Walters was seeking a permanent restraining order to keep them from making loud noise service complaints to the Houston Police Department and that was not really why they were present, they were seeking relief from this but also for easy to understand enforceable standards to follow. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Mayor Pro Tem Garcia stated that they were not the first to raise issue with that

establishment and Mr. Michel, the City Attorney, was reviewing the suit they were named in and they had the support of his office as well and someone from Mr. Michel's office would be communicating with them. Mayor White, Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

After a very lengthily discussion Council Member Clutterbuck stated that they had enforceable standards having to do with the 65 decibel level and they were in violation to surpass that and looked forward to speaking with Mr. Michel as if any establishment was able to sue a citizen to preclude them from contacting police they were in dangerous territory; Council Member Brown stated that they needed stronger nuisance ordinances and maybe fines should be more severe; and Mayor White stated that Council Member Clutterbuck posed a question to Legal and a simple answer was if someone was in violation of a noise ordinance there should be injunctive relief and Legal should consider that, one issue was if there was a place where there could be live entertainment within walking distance of vital neighborhoods because of what was occurring up and down Washington Avenue did it maintain some character it had for some time or did it lose all the character as neighborhood built up around it and they needed to be humble; and Council Member Jones stated that she agreed if someone was brought into a law suit because they exercised their right under city ordinances then the city should take a position on it. Mayor White stated that he would propose to the Legal Department to have someone contact the attorney for the other side, an experienced litigator, as it sounded like the establishment was trying to harass the particular citizens from exercising their rights they had as citizens by having them incur the legal expenses and that was not right as long as they acted in good faith; that he thought the appropriate remedy would be for the City Attorney of the City of Houston to intervene and if there was a record of violations to seek..., one remedy he saw involving public nuisances involved a receiver, there should be a receiver appointed to the property to make sure they complied with the law which was to not be above the decibel level. Council Member Rodriguez stated that he would like to be kept abreast and they had his support; and Council Member Garcia stated he was not interested in increasing fines, but at what point did they revoke permits, the sound worthiness should have been checked in the building ahead; and Council Member Adams stated that the Midtown community was experiencing the same issue and she wanted to be sure when HPD was patrolling they had the monitor for the decibels and they did need stiffer standards. Mayor White stated that he would ask Legal to report on Council Members addresses on whether we should intervene in the suit and seek our own action for injunctive relief and then they could be held under contempt if they did not. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent.

Mr. Trent Winters, 7967 W. Airport, Houston, Texas 77071 (832-264-1816) appeared and stated that he had two issues, one was every time he came to Council the Mayor chose not to look at him or say too much to him and he was glad he was looking now; and on immigration, right was right and wrong was wrong and he went to a Jack in the Box and at the drive through they were asking for his order in Spanish and the manager could not speak English, how could you become manager and not even speak English and at a Wal-Mart an employee said he did not speak English; and he was not against Hispanics but something made no sense and he was asking the Mayor to do something about this being a sanctuary city. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Bernard Middleton, 5500 Ardmore, Houston, Texas 77021 (713-875-0304) appeared and stated that he had a situation and tried to resolve it with TxDOT and it was involving replacement of traffic signals, the problem was he had plumb trees on City of Houston right of way and they were appraised for \$10,000; that the Harris County Flood Control District was to replace all the signals within the next year and TxDOT had no knowledge of Harris County replacing the bridge and signals at the location; that it was a city project and Mr. Dan Krueger in Public Works gave the okay to take the trees out and he was asking to meet with the City of



Houston and TxDOT to come to an agreement and save the trees as they did on Kirby. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Mayor White, Mr. Middleton stated that he was told this was a part of the Hike and Bike Trail but it was not on the trail it was at the intersection of South McGregor and Ardmore and the Harris County Flood Control District would be replacing that bridge and all the traffic signals and should be within the next 12 months; that an arborist estimated \$10,000 to replace the trees and they worked out an agreement on Kirby; and Mayor White stated that was not a good analogy, there would be more trees after the project, but whether it would be the same trees in the same location was argued, but he did get the legitimate point; and Mr. Norman was present and could speak with him. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams stated that TxDOT, Harris County Flood Control District and City of Houston were all involved because the city owned the right of way and everyone was saying it was the other; that Mr. Middleton had been meeting with everyone and now they found it was a TxDOT project and Mr. Middleton wanted to keep his trees and move the lot and her question was with all entities involved and what did they do to protect trees; and Mr. Middleton stated that one of his proposals was to use the same design as at the intersection of 288 and North and South McGregor, it was a single pole which had control signals for two streets and instead of four poles had only two, the same system was also at 59 and Kirby and there were enough poles there in place to already do that if they would just put arms on the pole and he was asking the city to mitigate the damage already done and Mr. Dennis said he would hold off on the project until Thursday to give them a chance to meet and he was again asking for assistance. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that he thought they needed to get an overview from Mr. Norman and his guess was it was the city's Hike and Bike Trail and they took multiple cuts on the design and they had been pushing for TxDOT to award it; that he was guessing what happened was TxDOT put it up for bid and it was awarded and they viewed the city as a client, but they had a contract and it would take someone to say there would be a change order and who would bear the cost; and he would say to Mr. Norman that what they needed and wanted to do was to preserve trees whenever they could and they did have standard designs for street lights and if the Council Member would work with him they would see if something could be done and if the trees did have to come out he would rather they be donated and replanted; and Mr. Middleton stated that he submitted to TxDOT the cost to transplant the trees, \$2,500, he did not want to pay it he wanted them to stay and they were loaded with fruit right now. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Lovell, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Upon questions by Council Member Jones, Mr. Middleton stated that it was unfortunate to spend money to take the lights out and replace them and then a year later have them taken out and replaced by another governmental entity, the lights scheduled to be installed at this time are to be taken out in another year by the Harris County Flood Control District when they replace the bridge; that he understood it was a part of the Hike and Bike Trail and was a federally funded project so that would pay for the first replacement; that he wanted to save his trees and it was so obvious to just use the same design as at other locations and it was not a new design, but a more neighborhood friendly design because it required less steel; and Council Member Jones stated that went back to the three entities, why spend money for a light which would only be there a short time; and Council Member Adams stated that the city did not install the light it was Center Point Energy and the city was not the primary contractor as it was TxDOT; and Mr.

Middleton stated that his information showed TxDOT had contracted with the same people doing the Hike and Bike Trail across the bridge area; and Mayor White stated that they would try and sort it out. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Brown stated that TxDOT was a big bureaucracy and he thought the city would do what they could to be responsive to his interest; and Mr. Middleton stated that Mr. Dennis stated they would do whatever Mr. Krueger, in Public Works, instructed them to do; Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mayor White stated that they would ask Mr. Norman to report back on would it delay the project, would the trees need to be physically removed, what would the cost of relocation be and if they did need to be removed they may relocate and preserve them. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Mr. Joseph Ballard, 6302 Rocky Nook, Humble, Texas 77396 (281-850-0388) had reserved time to speak but was not present when his name was called. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

President Joseph Charles, P. O. Box 524373, Houston, Texas 77052-4373 (832-407-5344) appeared and stated that this was National Crime Victim Week and he was the official president of the United States and a crime victim; and continued expressing his personal opinions until his time expired. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

At 4:36 p.m. City Council recessed until 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, April 16, 2008. Council Members Johnson, Clutterbuck, Khan, Holm, Garcia, Rodriguez, Brown, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

The Houston City Council reconvened at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, April 16, 2008, with Mayor Bill White presiding and with Council Members Toni Lawrence, Jarvis Johnson, Anne Clutterbuck, Wanda Adams, Mike Sullivan, M. J. Khan, P. E., Pam Holm, Adrian Garcia, James G. Rodriguez, Peter Brown, Sue Lovell, Melissa Noriega, Ronald C. Green and Jolanda "Jo" Jones; Mr. Arturo Michel, City Attorney; Mr. Anthony Hall, Chief Administrative Officer, Mayor's Office; Ms. Martha Stein, Agenda Director and Ms. Marta Crinejo, Assistant Agenda Director, present.

At 9:30 a.m. Mayor White called the meeting to order. Council Members Sullivan and Garcia absent.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** - City of Houston Internet Purchasing Catalog

Mayor White stated that everybody around the Council table knew that from time to time they got inquiries from people trying to sell something to the City, that they ought to have a way where citizens knew what they were in the business of buying and at what price, who was selling it and what the terms and specifications were, that helped transparency in government; that there was a city in the United States that had a financial crunch and they used a purchasing catalog, a catalog of things they normally purchased, to solicit and receive donations; that if people had goods and services that they could donate to the City, and they could get a tax deduction for donating stuff to the City; that they ought to let people know what the City used, moreover if somebody came to them and wanted to know did the City use this or that service, they should not be sending them around to meet with people, they ought to be able to refer them to a website so they would know exactly what the City buys and at what price so they could match it up with what they were offering, that finally, they wanted a vigilant press, such as Matt Stiles and others who loved the internet stuff to help them figure out if the City was overpaying for something, that it was the eyes and ears of citizens who could help them raise some questions about whether or not they were paying too much for something or whether there was a better deal out there for something they were procuring. Mayor White recognized Mr. Wells and Mr. Moran for a presentation. Council Members Sullivan and Garcia absent.

Mr. Alfred Moran, Director, Administration and Regulatory Affairs, and Mr. Calvin Wells, Purchasing Agent reviewed a video presentation of the City of Houston Internet Purchasing Catalog on the City's website, Strategic Purchasing. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor White and Members of Council thanked Mr. Moran and Mr. Wells for their presentation, and Council Member Lovell asked Mr. Wells if they could change the picture of a bullet for the ammunition category and Mr. Wells stated that by close of business this afternoon that would have been changed; that anyone could submit comments. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Green requested a point of personal privilege to recognize a group of individuals who were economic generators for the City, that they were very active in their profession and asked the members of the Houston Real Estate Association to stand and be recognized, and stated that in conjunction with Fair Housing Month this was "Realtors Week". Council Member Sullivan absent.

Mayor White stated that when they were dealing with some of the Katrina evacuees they called on this organization to help them and there were people that showed up when they had a lot of well intentioned amateurs and contractors, who sat there working person by person and helping people with their housing needs, that he would never forget the responsiveness of this organization to help and use their professional expertise to help some fellow Americans in need. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to say kudos to the Houston Realtors Association, that they did a very good job and provided valuable services for people who needed it. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Lovell moved to suspend the rules to consider Item Numbers 16 and 16a out of order, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0252 ADOPTED.

16. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing a Term Sheet with **CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC** for Terminal B Expansion Program at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Johnson. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

- 16a. ORDINANCE providing for Passenger Facility Charges at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston - **DISTRICT B - JOHNSON** – was presented, and tagged by Council Member Johnson. Council Members Adams and Sullivan absent.

**CONSENT AGENDA NUMBERS 1 through 38**

**MISCELLANEOUS** - NUMBERS 1 through 3

1. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **HOUSTON ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION**:
  - Position Two - **MS. BETTY TRAPP CHAPMAN**, reappointment, for a term to expire 3/1/2010
  - Position Five - **MR. FERNANDO L. BRAVE**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 3/1/2009
  - Position Six - **MS. VENITA RAY**, appointment, for a term to expire 3/1/2010
  - Position Eight - **MS. FAYE BRYANT**, reappointment, for a term to expire 3/1/2010

- was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member and Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0253 ADOPTED.

3. RECOMMENDATION from Director Houston Airport System for participation by the Houston Airport System in the Airports Council International's Airport Service Quality Survey Program for George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston and William P. Hobby Airport - \$179,800.00 Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0254 ADOPTED.

Mayor White and Members of Council congratulated the newly appointed members of the Houston Archaeological and Historical Commission and thanked them for their service to the City. Council Member Sullivan absent. Council Member Sullivan absent.

**ACCEPT WORK** - NUMBER 5

5. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,540,660.40 and acceptance of work on contract with **LAYNE-TEXAS, a division of LAYNE CHRISTENSEN COMPANY** for Park Glen Plant No. 1 Water Well No. 3, WBS S-000100-0015-4 - 8.80% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT F - KHAN** - was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0255 ADOPTED.

**PROPERTY** - NUMBER 6

6. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for condemnation of Parcel CY3-003, located at 6040 and 6060 Armour Drive, owned by RailWorks Track Systems-Texas, Inc. Jack A. Wilt, President, for the **69TH STREET WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION AND BUFFER ZONE PROJECT**, WBS R-000509-0007-2-01 - **DISTRICT I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0256 ADOPTED.

**PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS** - NUMBERS 7 through 11A

7. **GOWAN, INC** for Domestic Water Pump Replacement at the George R. Brown Convention Center for the Convention & Entertainment Facilities Department - \$113,284.00 and contingencies for a total amount not to exceed \$118,948.20 - Enterprise Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0257 ADOPTED.
8. ORDINANCE appropriating \$1,732,575.04 out of Fleet/Equipment Acquisition Internal Services Fund for the purchase of Pumper Trucks for Fire Department - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0311 ADOPTED.
- 8a. **TYLER MOTOR CO., INC d/b/a HALL BUICK, PONTIAC, GMC** for Pumper Trucks through the Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Purchasing with Houston-Galveston Area Council for Fire Department - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0258 ADOPTED.
10. **RCC CONSULTANTS, INC** for Purchase of Consulting Services through the Houston-Galveston Area Council for the development of a Citywide Radio System - \$244,493.20 - Grant Fund - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0259 ADOPTED.
11. ORDINANCE appropriating \$225,791.00 out of Equipment Acquisition Consolidated Fund for Purchase of Computer Equipment and Professional Consulting Services for Police Department - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0312 ADOPTED.
- 11a **SHI GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS, INC** for Professional Consulting Services to design and implement a software upgrade through the City's Master Agreement with the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) for the Houston Police Department - \$225,791.00 - was presented, moved by Council Member Garcia, seconded by Council Member Khan. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0260 ADOPTED.

**ORDINANCES** - NUMBERS 13 through 38

13. ORDINANCE amending Exhibit "A" of City of Houston Ordinance No. 2008-170 by adding one hundred (100) probationary fire fighter positions; substituting the amended exhibit as part of the current Fire Department Classified Personnel Ordinance - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0313 ADOPTED.
21. ORDINANCE appropriating \$82,714.50 out of Equipment Acquisition Fund for the Purchase of various information technology equipment items for the Houston Fire Department's Arson Division - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0314 ADOPTED.
22. ORDINANCE appropriating \$83,876.67 out of Fire Consolidated Construction Fund, WBS C-000089-0004-4 to reimburse the Public Works & Engineering Department for the Construction of a Parking Lot at 400 Jefferson Street for the Houston Fire Department - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0315 ADOPTED.
26. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing contract between the City and **INFOSOL, INC** for Software Maintenance and Support Services for the Capital Improvement Maintenance System for the Public Works and Engineering Department; providing maximum contract amount - 2

Years with two one-year options - \$339,910.00 - General and CIP Salary Recovery Funds - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0316 ADOPTED.

27. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance 2005-241 to increase the maximum contract amount; providing for an allocation of funds from the Central Service Revolving Fund for contract between the City of Houston and **FULCRUM POWER SERVICES, L.P.** for Professional Energy Management Services relating to the City's Electricity Contract - \$200,000.00 - Central Service Revolving Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0317 ADOPTED.
31. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **COASTAL PUMP SERVICES, INC** to settle a claim - \$114,375.74 Enterprise Fund - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0318 ADOPTED.
32. ORDINANCE appropriating \$207,000.00 out of Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund as an additional appropriation for Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **UNITED ENGINEERS, INC** (approved by Ordinance No. 01-1104) for Buffalo Bayou Trail Shepherd to Sabine, WBS N-000420-0018-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Street & Bridge Consolidated Construction Fund **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS; H - GARCIA and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0319 ADOPTED.
33. ORDINANCE appropriating \$873,900.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Engineering Services Contract between the City of Houston and **S&B INFRASTRUCTURE, LTD.**, for Design of Sanitary Sewer System for Unserved Areas of Minnetex Place and Golden Glades Estates Subdivisions, WBS R-000801-0016-3; providing funding for contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund - **DISTRICTS D - ADAMS and E - SULLIVAN** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0320 ADOPTED.
34. ORDINANCE appropriating \$5,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and approving and authorizing Professional Construction Management and Inspection Services Contract between the City of Houston and **CARTER & BURGESS, INC** for a 72-inch Sanitary Tunnel on Lyerly, WBS R-002003-0003-4 - **DISTRICT H - GARCIA** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0321 ADOPTED.
36. ORDINANCE granting to **ARROW SERVICES 123, INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport Solid Waste and Industrial Waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0322 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.
37. ORDINANCE granting to **PERFORMANCE CONTRACTING, INC, a Kansas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport Solid Waste and Industrial Waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0323 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

38. ORDINANCE granting to **MILLENNIUM PROJECT SOLUTIONS, INC, a Texas Corporation**, the right, privilege and franchise to collect, haul and transport Solid Waste and Industrial Waste from commercial properties located within the City of Houston, Texas, pursuant to Chapter 39, Code of Ordinances, Houston, Texas; providing for related terms and conditions; and making certain findings related thereto - **FIRST READING** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0324 PASSED FIRST READING IN FULL.

## **CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

2. REQUEST from Mayor for confirmation of the appointment or reappointment of the following to the **REINVESTMENT ZONE NUMBER SEVENTEEN (MEMORIAL CITY), CITY OF HOUSTON, TEXAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- Position One - **MR. CHARLES S. TURET, JR.**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2009, to serve as Chair for a term ending 12/31/2008
- Position Three - **MR. DAN MOODY, III**, reappointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2009
- Position Five - **DR. ZACHARY R. HODGES**, appointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2009
- Position Six - **MR. BRADLEY FREELS**, appointment, for an unexpired term ending 7/20/2008
- Position Seven - **MR. GLENN AIROLA**, appointment, for a term to expire 7/20/2009

- was presented, moved by Council Member Lawrence, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0261 ADOPTED.

Council Member Lawrence stated that the TIRZ was doing a lot of wonderful things in northwest Houston, especially in flooding, that there was a lot of controversy and the board had been able to handle it and move forward, that many of their projects were above the standard of the City, that she wanted to say thank you to all of them because they were getting some criticism from entities that were not even in the city limits of Houston and they continued to do good work. Council Member Sullivan absent.

### **ACCEPT WORK**

4. RECOMMENDATION from Director Department of Public Works & Engineering for approval of final contract amount of \$1,028,219.25 and acceptance of work on contract with **SOUTH COAST CONSTRUCTION, INC** for Reconstruction of West Little York Bridge over Vogel Creek, WBS N-000687-0004-4 - 1.95% under the original contract amount - **DISTRICT A – LAWRENCE** – was presented, and tagged by Council Members Rodriguez, Garcia, Jones, Green and Adams. Council Member Sullivan absent.

## **PURCHASING AND TABULATION OF BIDS**

9. **CRYSTAL COMMUNICATIONS, LTD.** for purchase of Wireless extended-range gigabit Ethernet Links through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative - \$111,722.00 - Grant Fund – was presented, moved by Council Member Khan, seconded by Council Member Garcia. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Sullivan absent. MOTION 2008-0262 ADOPTED.

### **ORDINANCES**

12. ORDINANCE **AMENDING CHAPTER 11 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES, HOUSTON, TEXAS**, relating to burglar alarms, panic, holdup and similar alarm systems; containing findings and other provisions relating to the foregoing subject; providing for civil fees and penalties and criminal penalties; providing an effective date; providing for severability – was presented. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Noriega moved to postpone Item No. 12 for two weeks, seconded by Council Member Garcia. Council Member Sullivan absent.

After discussion by Council Members, Council Member Johnson stated that one of the things he hoped they would look at what they deemed false alarms, because in the past there was no indication that a police officer had even arrived at a particular location and there were no requirements that said he was there when in fact there may have been a break in or not, but there was no indication and they were sending bills to residents and businesses without even having notification that the officer showed up, so it would be simple for them to place some kind of tag on the door to show they were there to check the property and subsequently they were going to send them a bill for that; and Council Member Lawrence stated that she would like to talk to somebody who was writing the ordinance, that some of the biggest problems they had were the out of town alarm companies. Council Member Sullivan absent.

Council Member Lawrence stated that there was a miscommunication on Item No. 10, that they had asked for Item No. 10 to be pulled for separate consideration, that Item No. 2 was pulled for separate consideration, that she thought that Item No. 10 was probably one of the most important ordinances they had in four years, it was going to impact Houston and to let that go by with the word evaluation without any way of how they were going to evaluate, that they had a huge problem with software to the County on radios, that she thought they needed to look at it carefully; that she would like to hear somebody talk about the evaluation that was going to be done, not just pass it on, that it was going to impact Houston for 30 years, that she would really like to get some substantial information, and Mayor White stated that they would have a Mayor's Report in a couple of weeks on it.

After further discussion by Council Members, relative to Item No. 12, Mayor White stated to Mr. Michel that he thought it was important that they have a well prepared lawyer at the hearing, and Council Member Johnson asked Council Member Noriega if during the two weeks were they going to have a committee meeting, and Council Member Noriega stated yes, that they would get back with him by the end of the day.

A vote was called on Council Member Noriega's motion to postpone Item No. 12. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0263 ADOPTED.

14. ORDINANCE authorizing and approving Loan Agreement between the City of Houston and **CLOUDBREAK HOUSTON, LLC** to provide \$300,000.00 of Federal CDBG Funds to pay off certain existing senior debt in connection with the Renovation of a Multi-unit residential development known as Midtown Terrace to house qualifying U.S. Veterans; extending the time to complete the renovations - **DISTRICT D – ADAMS** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0325 ADOPTED.
15. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing agreement between the City of Houston and **MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES, INC** to provide a \$150,000.00 grant of Federal Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") Funds for costs to construct additional parking at a facility located at 1625 Blalock Road, Houston, Texas, which provides services to low-income persons – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Green stated that he had a couple of questions about the construction, that it



was \$150,000 for the construction of 18 parking spaces at Memorial Assistance Ministries, that based on his research the price for a parking lot seemed to be somewhat exorbitant, that he thought they need to work with the organization to determine if they were getting the best value for the funds that they were receiving, that Item No. 22 was a parking lot that they reimbursed Public Works for and they ended up getting 44 spaces for \$83,000, that it seemed to be a gap, that he would tag the item and would like to meet with someone. Council Member Noriega absent.

17. ORDINANCE appropriating \$4,800,064.00 out of Airport System Consolidated 2004 AMT Construction Fund and \$84,001.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; and approving and authorizing amendment No. 1 to contract for Professional Architectural/Engineering Services by and between the City of Houston and **HELLMUTH, OBATA & KASSABAUM, L.P.** for Construction Phase Services for the APM System Extension from Terminal B to Terminal A at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston, WBS A-000354-0001-3-02-01; Project No. 536F; providing funding for the Civic Art Program - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** – was presented. Council Member Noriega absent.

Council Member Johnson stated that he would like to have more dialog in respect to projects that were being conducted, and just a little more input from them in respect to what the project looked like, MWBE participation, what was the scope, that the backup never gave him full disclosure about a particular project, so he was going to refrain from tagging the items but would like to get some input from HAS in respect to these projects.

A vote was called on Item No. 17. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0326 ADOPTED.

18. ORDINANCE appropriating \$24,551,904.00 out of HAS Consolidated 2004 AMT Construction Fund and \$397,832.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund; Project No. 536J; WBS A-000354-0003-4-01; and awarding construction contract for **W. W. WEBBER, LLC** for Automated People Mover Phase 3, Package 2 - APM Guideway at George Bush Intercontinental Airport/Houston; setting a deadline for W. W. Webber, LLC's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding W. W. Webber, LLC in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing services, and for contingencies and the Civic Art Program relating to construction of the facilities financed by such funds - **DISTRICT B – JOHNSON** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0327 ADOPTED.
19. ORDINANCE deappropriating \$683,837.00 from Contract No. 4600004519 which sum was appropriated under Ordinance 2004-0866, WBS A-000486-0001-3-03-01 from FAA Grant No. 3-48-0111-47-03; and appropriating \$683,837.00 out of Airports Improvement Fund, WBS A-000486-0001-3-01-01 for Contract No. 4600004519 between the City of Houston and **PARSONS WATER & INFRASTRUCTURE INC** for Project 612, Security Program Consulting Services for the Houston Airport System - **DISTRICTS B - JOHNSON and I - RODRIGUEZ** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0328 ADOPTED.
20. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing acceptance of an application and approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Houston and the **HOUSTON-GALVESTON AREA COUNCIL (HGAC)** to fund the Solid Waste Implementation Program; declaring the City's eligibility for such grant; authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's representative in the application process; authorizing the Director of the Solid Waste Management Department to accept such grant funds, if awarded, and to apply for and accept all subsequent awards, if any, pertaining to the program - **DISTRICT H – GARCIA** – was presented.

After discussion by Council Members, a vote was called on Item No. 20. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0329 ADOPTED.

23. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance Number 2005-0950 to increase the maximum contract amount for contract between the City and **SPAY NEUTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, INC** (#C57212) for continuation of Spay/Neuter Program for low income neighborhoods - \$400,000.00 - General Fund – was presented. Council Members Johnson and Brown absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she would like to start a dialog about contemplating whether they as a body would be interested in an ordinance that mandated that unless they had a breeders license they must spay and neuter their animals, and Mayor White stated that he would encourage Council Members to give Council Member Clutterbuck some feedback, that he believed that it may have been addressed in the taskforce that they established, that it had been about two years since he had read it, that it was chaired by Allison Smith and there were a number of people, and he asked Ms. Stein to make sure that Council Member Clutterbuck got that, that he believed the issue was addressed, they did a very good comprehensive job of looking at spay and neuter programs in other cities. Council Members Johnson and Garcia absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that it was his understanding that they were doing some door to door canvassing in neighborhoods looking for animal ordinance violations, that he knew it was happening in Council Member Adams district and would like to encourage BARC to do some of the same canvassing in his neighborhoods, Magnolia, Denver Harbor and Pecan Park. Council Members Johnson and Garcia absent.

A vote was called on Item No. 23. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Members Johnson and Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0330 ADOPTED.

24. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2008-118 relating to the City of Houston's participation in the Texas Enterprise Zone Program pursuant to the Texas Enterprise Zone Act, Chapter 2303, Texas Government Code, providing certain incentives, designating a liaison for communication with interested parties, and nominating **DELOITTE LLP** to the Office of the Governor Economic Development & Tourism through the Economic Development Bank as an enterprise project - was presented, and tagged by Council Member Green. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank Carla Lane, when Deloitte appeared before Council a couple of months ago they brought an education piece that they would go out into the communities and educate them on how to obtain employment through Deloitte or look at some of those entry level positions, that they did their first Empower You School Tour at Yates High School and went into the school to actually look at ways that they could gain employment, that they partnered with some of their local universities and career schools and Deloitte did a presentation about jobs, but her concern was that Deloitte said they could only do one, they were not going to come back out a second time, that she appreciated their going the first time but if this was something that they were going to bring to distressed communities she wanted to make sure that they really held onto their obligation that they said they were going to do. Council Member Garcia absent.

Council Member Rodriguez stated that he would like to add his tag to Item No. 24. Council Member Garcia absent.

25. ORDINANCE amending Ordinance No. 2005-0405 (passed by City Council on April 27, 2005) to increase the maximum contract amount and approving and authorizing first amendment to contract between the City of Houston and **SAP PUBLIC SERVICES, INC** for Software Licenses and Professional Services for the Enterprise Resource Planning System for the Information and Technology Department – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. Council Member Garcia absent. ORDINANCE 2008-0331 ADOPTED.

28. ORDINANCE appropriating \$3,000,000.00 out of General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund; \$3,000,000.00 out of Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund and \$712,000.00 out of Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; awarding construction contract to **PRIME CONTRACTORS, INC** for African American Library at the Gregory School, WBS E-000144-0004-4; setting a deadline for the proposer's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the proposer in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering and testing services, additional design services, Civic Art Program, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by General Improvements Consolidated Construction Fund; Public Library Consolidated Construction Fund; Reimbursement of Equipment/Projects Fund and Federal Government-Grants Fund - \$2,521,000.00 - CDBG and EDI Grant Funds - **DISTRICT I – RODRIGUEZ** – was presented. Council Member Lawrence voting no, balance voting aye. ORDINANCE 2008-0332 ADOPTED.

Council Members Lovell and Rodriguez stated that they wanted to acknowledge former Council Members Edwards and Alvarado for moving forward on the African American Library at the Gregory School.

29. ORDINANCE awarding construction contract to **AIA GENERAL CONTRACTORS, INC** for Northwest Maintenance Facility Underground Storage Tank System Modification, setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing services, early completion bonus, project management and construction oversight services and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Public Works & Engineering Water & Sewer System Operating Fund, R -000520-0006-4 - \$1,581,810.00 - Enterprise Fund - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0333 ADOPTED.
30. ORDINANCE finding and declaring public convenience and necessity for the acquisition of Fee Simple Title or easements for rights-of-way in connection with the public improvement project known as the Pinemont Paving Project: T.C. Jester to Ella Blvd. Detention Pond Construction (Diamond Street at Ruby Street); authorizing the acquisition of certain real property interests within the right-of-way alignment and payment of the costs of such purchases and/or condemnations of such real property and associated costs for Appraisal Fees, Title Policies/Services, Recording Fees, Court Costs, and Expert Witness Fees in connection with the acquisition of Fee Simple or easements in, over, upon, under, and across 7 parcels of land situated in the Samuel McLelland Survey, Abstract No. 554, Harris County, Texas, and being more specifically situated out of Blocks 9, 10, 15, and 16, including portions of Diamond and Ruby Streets in the Deroloc Addition, a subdivision according to the map or plat thereof recorded in Volume 468, Page 337 of the Deed Records of Harris County, Texas - **DISTRICT A - LAWRENCE** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0334 ADOPTED.
35. ORDINANCE appropriating \$6,250,000.00 out of Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund; \$12,274,000.00 out of Drainage Improvements Commercial Paper Series F Fund; awarding contract to **REYTEC CONSTRUCTION RESOURCES, INC** for Storm Drainage Improvements in the Fonn Villas Subdivision, WBS M-000249-0002-4, S-000500-0063-4, R-000500-0063-4; setting a deadline for the bidder's execution of the contract and delivery of all bonds, insurance, and other required contract documents to the City; holding the bidder in default if it fails to meet the deadlines; providing funding for engineering testing, project management, construction management, and contingencies relating to construction of facilities financed by the Water & Sewer System Consolidated Construction Fund and the Drainage Improvements Commercial Paper Series F Fund - **DISTRICT G - HOLM** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0335 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS HELD** - NUMBERS 39 through 41

39. MOTION by Council Member Garcia/Seconded by Council Member Lawrence to adopt recommendation from Director General Services Department to approve the Fiscal Year 2009-2013 Capital Improvement Plan and establish a charge of \$75.00 plus postage for the adopted CIP documents – **(This was Item 1 on Agenda of April 9, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS CLUTTERBUCK and NORIEGA)** – was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. MOTION 2008-0264 ADOPTED.
40. RECOMMENDATION from City Attorney for settlement of lawsuit styled **MICHAEL COX** vs. the City of Houston; Cause No. H-04-4318; in the United States District Court; Southern District of Texas - \$155,000.00 - Property and Casualty Fund – **(This was Item 2 on Agenda of April 9, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LAWRENCE)** - was presented.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she just wanted to get some clarification, that she understood from the backup that the judge granted the City's motion to dismiss the ADEA and the ADA claims and asked if they were settling the remaining claim under Title VII, and Mr. Michel stated that it was a settlement of Title VII but specifically was the retaliation claim that was the live claim.

A vote was called on Item No. 40. Council Member Lawrence voting no, balance voting aye. MOTION 2008-0265 ADOPTED.

41. ORDINANCE approving and authorizing Compromise and Settlement Agreement between the City of Houston and **CLEAR CHANNEL OUTDOOR, INC** to settle outstanding disputes and controversies – **(This was Item 26 on Agenda of April 9, 2008, TAGGED BY COUNCIL MEMBER LOVELL)** - was presented. All voting aye. Nays none. ORDINANCE 2008-0336 ADOPTED.

**MATTERS TO BE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Council Member Lawrence stated that there would be a meeting on April 17, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., they would be reviewing TIRZ 7, 10, 11 and 16, so if any of those were in their districts to please attend; that the next meeting would be on April 21, 2008 at 10:00 a.m., that many of them had questions on the interpretation of junk vehicles and Chief Edwards would be there to discuss the issues and Neighborhood Protection, that the discussion would take place on asbestos abatement.

Council Member Johnson stated that on Friday, he hosted his annual Senior Citizen Prom, that this year they had a Hawaiian Luau, that they had Archie Bell and it was a great event, that he wanted to thank Texas Health Spring, Starbucks Coffee, Ameri Group, Metro and Methealth, Inc., that he wanted to thank Emily Berrier, his Senior Citizen Coordinator; that on Thursday, April 17, 2008 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at B B Tabernacle at 7210 Langley they would have their community conversations, they were meetings they were having around the different civic clubs and were not necessarily super neighborhoods but smaller community conversations where they were talking about issues facing their particular community; that on Friday, April 18, 2008, the 100 Black Men Houston Chapter would have their inaugural gala at the Edward Hornberger Conference Center at 2151 West Holcome, that he hoped to see everyone there; that in the Acres Homes Community he would be hosting a Second Chance Symposium, that it would be a legal clinic to help people who were eligible to have their records expunged, that the legal clinic would help them understand the laws, the rules and how they may be able to have their records expunged, that it would be on April 26, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the

Acres Homes Multi Service Center, 6719 West Montgomery. Council Members Clutterbuck, Sullivan, Khan, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she wanted to congratulate Mayor White on accomplishing a long standing goal of settling the dispute with Clear Channel. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Holm stated that this past week a District G constituent, Mr. Frank McCollum, who was a model for accomplishing goals, died peacefully, that they were going to miss him. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Holm stated that she wanted to commend Mr. Victor Cordova, their forester, that he was so responsive, that they could call him at the Parks Department and tell him that there was a limb down or a vehicle parking on roots and there was no process that he went through other than going out within 24 hours, looking at the situation, evaluating it and coming back with a response, that she wanted to commend him for what he did for the City. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that Mr. Oren Smith and Mr. Aldo Rengi, that on Saturday, which was not their day to work, but there was a sewer issue, that he wanted to thank all of the employees who went out of there way to make them look good as a City and as a City Council. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Garcia stated that Father Oscar Cantu was named Bishop, that unfortunately he would not be able to stay in the Houston Galveston Diocese but would be going to San Antonio, that they wanted to thank Father Cantu for all of the leadership he had provided for them in the Houston community, the Northside in particular and his good with TMO, that he was a tremendous success story, that he wanted to thank Father Cantu for his good work at Holy Name Church. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that many of them had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting of Discovery Green Park on Sunday, that the park was a great design and there was something there for just about everybody, that it had changed the façade of the George R. Brown Convention Center, that they saw it in a completely different way, the foreground was now Discovery Green, it was an amazing transformation. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that they were going to be deciding about the expansion of the transit rail system in the near future in terms of the City granting the easements for the University line and the expansion of the north south line, that there were some people who were skeptical and some who did not like rail but if they looked around other cities if they wanted to be competitive they had to have a first class, vastly expanded, light rail network serving all of the people in Houston, that they had to find a balance between expanding the light rail system and making carefully considered mobility improvements to their freeway and major street system. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Brown stated that as to the issue of standards, he had been accused of saying they did not have any standards and that was not true, they did have standards but many of them were obsolete and many of them were to low and unenforceable and many of them had unintended consequences, that standards were a means to get a result, so when the standard was not getting the result then they had to reconvene and figure out what they had to do to change it in the minimal way to get the result that they wanted; that he was handing out a picture of utility poles, that the last one was a utility pole that was in the middle of the street, it

was not inside the curb, but in the middle of the street on West Dallas, that was an indication their standards were not working, that if they looked at the other photographs they would see similar things. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Mayor White asked if it was legal, the light pole in the middle of the street, that he agreed, if they put utility poles in the middle of the street then they did have problems with standards, but his guess would be that they had a problem with compliance and he would like for somebody to get on it and asked Council Member Brown if he had the number of the pole because they had to get it out of the middle of the street. Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent.

Council Member Clutterbuck stated that she wanted to send a message out to Jeff Weatherford, who worked for the Public Works Department, the Deputy Director of Public Works for Traffic Signalization, that she was particularly appreciative of Jeff and Mr. Ray Chong, who had evaluated a situation near Roberts Elementary School on Greenbriar Drive at Swift, that it was a common problem with speeding traffic, yet that intersection was not busy enough to require signalization, that Jeff and Ray helped to think outside the box and worked with the community and they were going to be putting up a pedestrian triggered intersection signal, which was not at the intersection but mid way through the block, that Jeff came out to the Morningside Place Civic Association last night and listened to members of the community and the PTO and principal and they had come up with a solution, that he was the kind of public servant who worked extremely hard on behalf of the problem. Mayor White and Council Members Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. Mayor Pro Tem Garcia presiding.

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to thank the City Council for Item No. 14 in support of the U.S. veterans; that she had an opportunity to visit the facility and thought it was a wonderful facility and the programs they were providing to the veterans, that she wanted to thank the Cloudbreak Organization for their vision and efforts to help the veterans; that also for the Minitex Community, it was a long time coming, they were annexed in 1957 and had been without sanitary sewer, so today they voted to put sanitary sewer in the Minitex Community and she knew they were excited in the community. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams stated that on Saturday citizens would be participating in the Earth Day 5K Walk at Herman Park, that it would begin at 8:00 a.m. Mayor White and Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams stated that she wanted to compliment the Houston Police Department for the patrolling unit out of the Beechnut Storefront area for their patrolling the Briargate Community, that she wanted to compliment the Solid Waste Department for going beyond the call of duty to make sure that trash was picked up, if there was a car in the way they would go and knock on the door and ask the resident to move the car instead of not picking up their trash at all. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams stated that the West Orem Y.M.C.A. in District D, in the Hiram Clarke Community, was named number one in Houston for the highest membership and she wanted to thank them for all the work that they do. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Adams stated that on Friday, April 18, 2008, would be the Second Annual Earth Day at Channel 13, that last year when Mayor White had the Go Green initiative and she was one of the team members and leaders of the Go Green Initiative they had the opportunity to partner with Channel 13 and give them the vision of Earth Day, collecting computers and cell phones, so now they were having the Second Annual Earth Day, that it would be from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and she wanted to thank the Solid Waste Department for going out in the community and looking for ways that they could increase recycling, that this was one of the Solid Waste Management Projects that was started last year, so if they had old computers they would ask that they come out to Channel 13 on Friday on their way to work. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that the American Association of Blacks in Energy Annual Conference was going on, that a proclamation was given to them by Mayor White, that the reception yesterday at the Hotel Americas was nice; that she went to the Discovery Green Ribbon Cutting and it was a beautiful park; that she would like to thank the BARC volunteers, that she adopted a dog there; that she wanted to give kudos to the Sea Farers, she went to their monthly meeting; that she went to a wonderful event with the Montrose Conservancy and they were trying to make Montrose a walk able boulevard; that she wanted to thank the CHODOS and CDCs who participated in the Housing Committee meeting, that they were working with the City and Mayor White's visionary approach of putting more affordable houses on the ground, that they were working to figure out how to make it better. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to give kudos to HPD, that over by the Brown Motel, where there was vagrancy, gambling, prostitution and people selling crack, it was quite as a mouse, so whatever HPD was doing over there to keep doing it. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that Houston International Festival, with the African theme, would be wonderful and they could learn to appreciate other people's culture; that she wanted to give kudos to Goodwill Industries they had a gala that was fun and they wore Harley stuff. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that she wanted to thank Mayor White and the Council Members for voting for Agenda Item No. 14, that they needed to keep doing what they do for veterans because it was hard when they were there fighting but really hard when they were home and she thought people did not see that and there were high suicides, that they really needed to do something to help people adjust back here, that it did not just affect the soldier, it affected his family and friends, that she certainly would do anything to support veterans. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Jones stated that today was National Start Walking Day, that the entire City of Houston was encouraged to wear sneakers and walk every day, that the participants were the American Heart Association, the City of Houston, Harris County and Memorial Hermann. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to thank Mayor White for Discovery Green, that she knew he had a large portion of making it happen, the vision and bringing people

together, that it was a great park and when people come to Houston it was going to be one of those destination places. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that she stood corrected, it was the African American Library and Cultural Center at the old Gregory School, which she looked forward to being a part of making it happen and knew they were moving forward, that she wanted to thank Mayor White and former Council Member Edwards. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

Council Member Lovell stated that she wanted to send condolences out to a dear friend, Margaret Minger on the loss of her mother this past weekend, that her mother Charlotte was a good mom and a good member of the church and raised some really fine children, so condolences to the family. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

There being no further business before Council, the City Council adjourned at 11:26 a.m. Council Members Lawrence, Johnson, Adams, Sullivan, Khan, Holm, Rodriguez, Noriega and Green absent. (NO QUORUM PRESENT)

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MINUTES READ AND APPROVED

/S/Anna Russell

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Anna Russell, City Secretary